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Achievement Awards Recognize Equity Efforts



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In a ceremony at the Rossborough Inn last week, the President's Commission on Ethnic Minority Issues presented its annual Minority Achievement awards. The honor recognizes faculty, staff, students and individual units that have made outstanding contributions to the university's equity and racial climate. Lee Thornton, far left, and President Dan Mote presented the awards. Honorees were: (l-r, back) the faculty award went to Journalism Professor Ben Holman; one of two exempt employee awards went to Norman Pruitt, director of human resources management for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources; the graduate student award went to master of fine arts candidate Deanna Maria Costa; the non-exempt award went to Maria Osafo, administrative assistant with the Office of Human Relations Programs; the undergraduate award went to Kyle Russell, an electrical engineering major; and (front) Carolina Rojas Bahr, assistant director and coordinator of academic enrichment programs for OMSE, received the second exempt employee award.

Nyumburu's New Director a Familiar Face



PHOTO BY MONETTE AUSTIN BAILEY

Ronald Zeigler, Nyumburu Cultural Center's new director, will continue to make the facility a holistically enriching home away from home.

Students call him "Dr. Z" and friends call him "Ron." However, as of May 17, Ronald Zeigler's official title will be director of the Nyumburu Cultural Center.

He has been interim director for two years, and an inte-

gral part of the black student community since his days as graduate student for the then-Office of Minority Student Education in 1978. Armed with a doctorate in philoso-

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Stewart Named Interim Vice President

Associate Vice President Sylvia Stewart has accepted the position of interim vice president for administrative affairs, effective June 7. Stewart agreed to serve until a permanent vice president is selected, though not longer than one year.

These are challenging times, with tight budgets and much construction activity. Stewart will provide the leadership needed to ensure that all administrative services continue to be provided efficiently and effectively, said Ann G. Wylie, assistant president and chief of staff.

"I am honored that President Mote has asked me to fill this important role," Stewart said. "I look forward to working with our staff to ensure that the campus' vital support functions continue and will be in good shape when the next vice president

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Thinking of Higher Education as a Public Service

It's not often that big thinkers in higher education get together to take a look at the big picture. But that's what happened recently at a three-day dialogue "to redefine the role of higher education in service to U.S. society."

The invitation-only event, held at the Wye River Conference Center in Queenstown, Md., was sponsored by the Kellogg Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good and hosted by the campus' Academy of Leadership.

The 60 participants included Helen and Alexander Astin from UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute, Liz Hollander from Campus Compact, college presidents and chancellors, leaders of nation-

al professional associations, people who run public policy centers and faculty.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP

Nance Lucas, director, Academy of Leadership with Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening at the conference.

Promoting Peace Through Justice and Unity

Suheil Bushrui, the Bahá'í Chair for World Peace, notes that in the midst of a rising tide of conflict and violence, both regional and global, it is essential to remember that

Peace Eighth Annual Lecture, being held on May 31, will be dedicated to an examination of environmental questions. Lord Bletso, a member of the House of Lords in London and Extra Lord in Waiting to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, will deliver the lecture titled "Environmental Ethics and Public Policy."

More specifically, Bushrui feels the address will serve as a fitting prelude to the United Nation's World Summit on Sustainable Development that will convene in late August in Johannesburg, South Africa. Lord Bletso is especially qualified to provide detailed commentary on the context and substance of the Johannesburg conference. His campus lecture should appeal to a broad range of academics, policymakers, students and NGO representatives.

The topic of Lord Bletso's address directly relates to the mission of the Bahá'í Chair for World Peace, which is to "develop alternatives to the violent resolution of conflict through conflict management, global education, international development and spiritual awareness." The chair's mandate is an enormous undertaking, but seems credible after a

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PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

As holder of the Bahá'í Chair for World Peace, Suheil Bushrui teaches that there is a unity in humanity that cannot be ignored.

peace has many dimensions, that it is holistic.

From this perspective, it follows that a major factor promoting either peace or conflict is the physical environment itself and, more specifically, human stewardship of the environment. For this reason, the Bahá'í Chair for World

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS: MAY 14-21

TUESDAY

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12:30-1:30 p.m., Astrology Seminar: Theoretical Astrophysics Lunch Experience (T.A.L.E.) 1224 CSS. With Kevin Rauch: "Chaos and the Long-term Evolution of the Solar System." For more information, contact 5-3001.

12:30 p.m., Undergraduate Opera Workshop Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Students perform Dido and Aeneas. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

3:30-5:30 p.m., Numerical Analysis Seminar 3206 Math Building. With Kunibert Siebert, Institut fuer Angewandte Mathematik Universität Freiburg, Germany, speaking on "Fully Localized A-Posteriori Error Estimators and Barrier Sets for Contact Problems." For more information, contact Howard Elman 5-2694 or elman@cs.umd.edu, or visit www.math.umd.edu/dept/seminars/nas.

4:15-6 p.m., Minority Achievement and Urban Education Colloquium 1121 Benjamin. "The Role of the Faith Community in Minority Achievement," with panelists Rev. Velma Brock, university chaplain, and representatives from the area faith community. For more information, contact Martin L. Johnson at mj13@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.education.umd.edu/MIMAUE.

8 p.m., Philharmonia Ensemble Finale Concert Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The student-led chamber orchestra celebrates the close of its second season. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

4 p.m., Distinguished AMO Theory Lecture 1410 Physics. Keith Burnett, from the University of Oxford, will give a talk titled "Entanglement in Evolving Bose-Einstein Condensates." For more information, call 5-3401 or visit www.physics.umd.edu/cal/spevents/amothory/burnett.html.

6:30 p.m., Reflections of the Mosaic: The Gateway Arts District in A New Light

Outlook Summer Publication Schedule

This is the final issue of Outlook for the spring semester. Outlook will begin monthly publication with the June 11 issue. The deadline for the submission of announcements or stories is at least two weeks before the desired publication date. Other summer dates:

July 23
Aug. 20

Weekly publication will resume with the Sept. 3 issue. For more information, call 5-4629 or send a message to: outlook@accmail.umd.edu.

0104 Plant Sciences Building. Join the senior landscape architecture students for a display of their new community design for the Gateway Arts District in Prince George's County. For more information, call MaryJo Dosh at 5-4359.

WEDNESDAY

may 15

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Critical Legal Concerns for Information Professionals 6107 McKeldin Library. Seminar will provide a cutting-edge survey of recent laws and judicial decisions that are essential knowledge for information professionals. Sponsored by the College of Information Studies. Registration is \$225. For more information, contact Robin Albert at 5-2057 or ra67@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.clis.umd.edu/ce/.

THURSDAY

may 16

10:30 a.m., Caribbean Research Interest Group Meeting 2169 LeFrak Hall. CRIG will hold its end-of-the-year meeting. Anyone interested in joining CRIG or getting involved in its organizational structure is invited to attend. The meeting will be largely a discussion of plans for next year. For more information, e-mail ab64@umail.umd.edu.

3:30-5 p.m., President's Commission on Disability

Issues Hornbake Library. President Mote and the commission invite the campus community to the presentation of the John W. King Achievement Award, Student Disability Achievement Award and Faculty Disability Achievement Award. For more information, contact Dottie Bass at 5-5618 or dbass@deans.umd.edu.

FRIDAY

may 17

9 a.m.-5 p.m., Workshop on Computing Theory and Systems 2460 AV Williams. The Department of Computer Science will host a workshop in honor of Raymond Miller's retirement. Guests from the university community as well as business, government, and other universities are invited. The day's agenda and registration form are posted at <http://pir1.umd.edu/workshops/miller/>. Registration is required. All are welcome. For more information, contact Pat Ipavich at 5-2771 or pat@cs.umd.edu.

SATURDAY

may 18

8 p.m., Forbidden Tawes Theatre. Blue Mountain Productions, Inc. presents this Jamaican play. With Charles Hyatt, Leonie Forbes, Karen Harriot and Christopher McFarlane. For more information, visit www.lagreens.com/bluemountain. Tickets cost \$36 and \$26. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

MONDAY

may 20

3-5 p.m., Faculty and Staff Donor Reception See For Your Interest, page 8.

5-7 p.m., Second Annual University of Maryland Business and Technology Mixer Grand Pavilion, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Network with colleagues from across Maryland and the greater Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Meet top-notch researchers from the state's flagship university and other leading research institutions. Registration required. For more information, contact Jessica Davies at 5-4638 or events@accmail.umd.edu, or visit

Evacuation Drills to be Held in June

The Department of Environmental Safety would like to provide the campus community with an opportunity to practice the evacuation of research buildings in case of an emergency. Beginning early next month, an Evacuation Drill Program will be implemented to ensure occupants are familiar with procedures for safe and orderly evacuations.

"We started developing this before September 11," said Alan Sactor, university fire marshal, "but that day was a dramatic example of the need to be prepared. Everyone in those buildings wanted to get out. People gripe about drills, but in an emergency people want to know how to get out."

To help prepare the building's occupants, Sactor will make sure compliance officers receive an e-mail message two weeks in advance urging them to talk with those in their area of responsibility. Flyers will go up on doors and bulletin boards at least one week before the drills and another round of flyers will

go on exit doors just before drills are held.

The drills are also a way to raise awareness of fire safety and general evacuation issues. Occupants will receive information on safety. Sactor said, for example, that many people leave or enter a building the same way everyday, not realizing that there may be other exits.

Because of accreditation requirements, the department already holds drills for residence halls, the Center for Young Children and the Health Center. Research buildings are the target for June's drills because they contain laboratories that use hazardous materials. Occupants need to consider procedures for shutting down lab operations and procedures for those with special needs.

Sactor offered one last instruction. "All occupants are expected to treat the drill as a real evacuation, which means everyone must leave the building."

For more information, call Sactor at (301) 405-3970, or go to: www.umd.edu/DES.

Correction

In the May 7 issue of Outlook, on p. 4, it should have read that Charles Christian is a geography professor.

www.mdhitech.org/Calendar/html/162.html.

TUESDAY

may 21

11:30 a.m., Logic and Artificial Intelligence Seminar 3258 AV Williams. With Robert Holte, University of Alberta, speaking on "Using Abstraction to Speed Up Search." For more information, contact the University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies (UMIACS) at 5-6722.

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Right on Target: Using Internet Search Engines Effectively 6101 McKeldin Library. This intermediate to advanced hands-on workshop will focus on using search engines most effectively. Sponsored by the College of Information Studies. Registration is \$265. For more information, contact Robin Albert at 5-2057 or ra67@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.clis.umd.edu.

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Students, Professors, Guests Help Cap Commencement

William Marimow, editor and senior vice president of the Baltimore Sun, has accepted his invitation to be the Commencement speaker at the May 23 campus-wide ceremony. Marimow received the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting in 1985. He also co-wrote the stories on police violence in Philadelphia that received the Pulitzer Prize for public service in 1978.

The campus-wide ceremony will be held in Cole Student Activities Building at 9 a.m. Faculty and staff should line up for the campus-wide commencement in 0113 Cole Student Activities Building at 8:15 a.m. The procession begins at 8:40 a.m. Special arrangements can be made for the participation of individuals with disabilities by contacting the Office of Special Events at (301) 405-4638.

Individual College and School Commencement Ceremonies

(time, school or division, location, speaker)

May 22

2 p.m., Gemstone Memorial Chapel. Bill Destler, senior vice president of Academic Affairs and provost and Dean Nariman Farvardin, A. James Clark School of Engineering

5 p.m., Individual Studies Nyumburu Cultural Center. Dean Robert M. Hampton, undergraduate studies

7 p.m., Behavioral and Social Sciences graduate ceremony Memorial Chapel. Elizabeth Brittan-Powell, doctoral candidate in psychology

7 p.m., Robert H. Smith School of Business Cole Student Activities Building. Rosendo G. Parra, Dell Computer Corporation

7 p.m., Life Sciences Ritchie Coliseum. Rita Colwell, director of National Science Foundation

May 23

12 p.m., Agriculture and Natural Resources Memorial Chapel. Samantha Scruggs, agriculture resource economics undergraduate student

12 p.m., American Studies and Women's Studies Skinner Building, Room 0200. Evelyn Torton Beck, women's studies professor

12 p.m., Architecture Architecture Building Great Space. Robert Peck, president of Greater Washington Board of Trade

12 p.m., Art History Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Gildenhorn Recital Hall. Marjorie Venit,

associate professor

12 p.m., Art Studio Stamp Student Union, Grand Ballroom. Benjamin Piwowar, undergraduate student, and Breon Gilleran, graduate student

1 p.m., Behavioral and Social Sciences undergraduate ceremony Cole Student Activities Building. Marian Antony, government and politics undergraduate student

2:30 p.m., Communication Ritchie Coliseum. (speaker not known at press time)

2:30 p.m., Comparative Literature Tawes Theatre. Carol Mossman, director

2:30 p.m., Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences Reckord Armory. Alan Harbitter, PEC Solutions, chief technology officer

12 p.m., Dance and Theatre Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Kay Theatre. Department of Dance chair, Alcine J. Witz and Department of Theatre chair, Daniel MacLean Wagner

12 p.m., Education Reckord Armory. Outstanding graduate and undergraduate students

4:30 p.m., A. James Clark School of Engineering Cole Student Activities Building. Malcolm O'Neill, Lockheed Martin Corporation, vice president and chief technician

2:30 p.m., English Tawes Theatre. Dean James Harris, College of Arts and Humanities and Merle Collins, com-

Department of Theatre Presents Award-Winning Designer



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CLARICE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Theatrical scenic designer Ming Cho Lee (center, with master's of fine arts students in theater), fresh from winning a Helen Hayes award last week, gave a public address with a slide presentation on "A Life in the Arts" on Friday, May 3 in the Laboratory Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Presented by the Department of Theatre, Lee is one of the most influential and referenced leaders of American design.

parative literature professor

12 p.m., Foreign Languages with Classics and Linguistics Tydings Hall, Room 0130. (speaker not known at press time)

12 p.m., Health & Human Performance Ritchie Coliseum. Jennifer Potzman, kinesiology and biology undergraduate student

12 p.m., History, Jewish Studies and Russian Area Studies Physics Building, Room 1410. Allison Olson, history professor

12 p.m., Information Studies Biology/Psychology Building, Room 1240. Clifford A. Lynch, Coalition of Networked Information, director

2:30 p.m., Philip Merrill College of Journalism Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall. Time Brant, WMAL morning news radio show, co-host

12 p.m., Music Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall. Michael Kaiser, Kennedy Center, president

12 p.m., Philosophy Marie Mount Hall, Room 1400. John Brown, philosophy associate professor

12 p.m., School of Public Affairs Van Manching Hall, Tyser Auditorium. Christie Todd Whitman, Environmental Protection Agency, administrator

Are You Ready for Some Football?



FILE PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHELL

Dear Faculty and Staff,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your dedication to academics and encouraging our student athletes to excel in the classroom. We had 14 football players with a cumulative 3.0 grade point average this fall and that is a reflection of your tremendous teaching ability and commitment to this university.

You have seen our players excel in the classroom; it's now time for you to see them excel on the field. We are headed back to where we belong, a perennial Top 25 football program. This season, winning the ACC crown and Bowl Championship berth in the FedEx Orange Bowl, to represent the ACC, is only the foundation. However, if we are going to make bowl appearances an annual event, we need your support!

Please ask your friends and family to join you in the excitement that is Byrd Stadium on a fall Saturday afternoon. Our fans have truly become our 312th Terp and home field advantage. The Best are Back at Byrd. Call the Ticket Office at (301) 314-7070 to receive information on the reduced faculty/staff season ticket!

Again, I thank you for all of your support and I look forward to many more successful years here at Maryland, my Alma Mater, GO TERPS!

Head Coach Ralph Friedgen



In Memoriam

Alfred Gessow, a professor emeritus and former chairman of the university's aerospace engineering department, died May 2 in a hospital in Birmingham, where he was being treated for a heart ailment. Gessow, a former NASA researcher and helicopter pioneer, was 79.

He founded the university's Center for Rotocraft Education and Research and was its director until 1992. The center has since been renamed in his honor and is one of the nation's leading institutions of rotocraft research and education. The center will be the recipient of the American Helicopter Society's Grover E. Bell Award this year for its pioneering fundamental contributions in smart structures technologies that had a successful transition into helicopter systems.

Gessow devoted much of his career to expanding knowledge of helicopter aerodynamics, developing new theoretical approaches and conducting flight experiments. He wrote, "Aerodynamics of the Helicopter," a book still widely used as a primary text 50 years after its publication.

In 1944, he joined the government's National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, a predecessor organization of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He served as fluid physics branch chief, assistant research division chief and director of the aerodynamics office before joining the university. Gessow served as technical director of the American Helicopter Society (AHS) and was the founding editor of the AHS Journal and founding chairman of its education committee.

Gessow is survived by his wife, Elaine Gessow; four children: Laura Goldman, Lisa Michelson, Miles Jody Gessow, Andrew Jody S. Gessow; and eight grandchildren.

Institute for Instructional Technology Blends Technology, Pedagogy

The Institute for Instructional Technology has been serving the technical training and development needs of faculty since 1996. What began as a one-week survey of technologies best suited for use in the then-new teaching theaters, has evolved into a summer-long collection of training modules that provide hands-on immersion opportunities into new and evolving technologies. These modules have the potential to transform the tools with which teachers teach and the environments in which students learn.

The 7th annual Summer Institute for Instructional



Paulette Robinson, with OIT, assists Associate Dean of Journalism Greig Stewart with coursework.

Technology, a faculty-centered initiative co-sponsored by the Office of Information Technol-

ogy (OIT) and the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE), will provide free classes start-

ing on May 29 and running through August 8. Depending upon the subject, modules run between three hours and two full days. Topics span the range of WebCT, the Web-based course management tool supported by the OIT Academic Support unit, through creating effective presentations with PowerPoint, and is inclusive of digital tools such as scanners, digital cameras and Photoshop.

New to the program this year is a module entitled, WebCT At Large, which will prepare faculty with little or no WebCT experience to incorporate WebCT tools and strategies that are useful in the management of large classes.

What distinguishes the institute training modules from other technology training events at the university is their attention, not only to skills development, but also to instructional design considerations, product development advice, and pedagogical discussion and debate. Participants will be guided in the thought processes and skills needed to undertake a technological modification or transformation of the instructional materials and learning environments they create for their students. Time is dedicated during each module to workshop periods during which skills learned can be applied to individual projects.

Registration is now underway for this program at: www.oit.umd.edu/iit/register.html. Descriptions of modules and scheduling information can be found at: www.oit.umd.edu/iit/current.html.

Up to 20 faculty will be enrolled in each module. Interested teaching assistants, instructors and departmental technical support personnel can apply but will be placed on a waiting list for the module. If a module does not completely fill with faculty participants, those on the waiting list will then be seated.

Walking Club to Continue through Summer



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

Due to high interest, the Thursday Walking Club will continue indefinitely. The club meets outside of the Health Center's emergency entrance at 12:15, with walks lasting approximately one hour. Cool-down stretching takes place at the end. As a summer incentive, walkers that log 80 miles from this week until the third week of August will receive a prize. For more information, call Jennifer Treger at (301) 314-1493 or Joan Bellsey at (301) 314-8099, or send e-mail to treger@health.umd.edu.

Conference: Assessing the Value of Higher Education to Society

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was represented by Nance Lucas, director, Academy of Leadership; Gar Alperovitz, professor of political economy; and Adrianna Kezar, professor of educational leadership & policy. Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening was a keynote speaker.

John Burkhardt, director of the Kellogg Forum and a senior fellow at the Academy of Leadership, opened the conference with an explanation of the problem, as many have come to see it. "About 25 years ago," Burkhardt said, "in response to a projected downturn in college enrollment across the country, we began to sell ourselves to American society on the basis of the benefits that a college

degree provided to an individual in terms of his or her lifetime earnings potential."

The packaging of higher education as a "shrewd personal economic investment" has worked, Burkhardt continued, dramatically increasing interest and enrollment in college. But, as a result, too many college graduates are seeking a quick return on their "investment," the cost of college has shifted from society to the individual, civic engagement has been left in tatters, and the original covenant between higher education and society has been broken.

"If we had accurately predicted that our society would be blessed with the benefits of

such a widely educated population, would we have predicted that we would still have such disparity in incomes, such poverty in our cities, such violence, so little support for the arts and culture, so low regard for the basic expressions of citizenship?" Burkhardt asked.

"Could we have imagined a society with so many lawyers showing no evidence of greater justice? With our business schools producing more graduates than ever, would we have imagined such a low standard for certified public accountancy? If you had been told in 1975 that blacks and whites would enroll in college in about the same relative proportion, would

you have expected that the gaps in K-12 achievement would still be with us?"

In sum, Burkhardt said, "We have become better educated as a society, but are not much better off."

Gov. Parris Glendening shared the same lament. "Increasingly, people are embracing a vision that sees higher education primarily — if not exclusively — as a force for economic development," he said. "We must remember, however, which is the dog and which is the tail."

Glendening added, "Higher education shapes our culture. It is essential in achieving both a thriving economy and a civil society. It is also a vital force for

peace and stability throughout the world. After all, educated democracies do not attack other educated democracies."

The Wye River conference was the Kellogg Forum's first of three planned events. The goal is to develop a plan of action for restoring the covenant between higher education and society. Academy senior fellows Tony Chambers and Marta Tella-do played key roles in planning and coordinating the event.

For more information on the Kellogg Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good and future dialogues, go to <http://www.kelloggforum.org>.

—Stefanie Weiss,
Academy of Leadership

Connecting People, History and Resources Committee Supports Interdisciplinary Learning

It's been an exciting year for the Committee on Africa and the Americas (CAA). Conversations, symposia, a film festival, courses and seminars drew campus community members from all levels and several departments. It is just the beginning, says its director, as the committee prepares to move into a new role.

History professor Daryle Williams says the committee is really just himself and a few graduate students, though numerous relationships with campus groups give it a larger feel. "Everyone's on the committee or no one is," says Williams, who has been the director since August. "The word [committee] doesn't really capture the possibilities. We can use our resources to serve as a connecting point," which is true to the entity's origins and reflects its coming merger with the David C. Driskell Center for the Study of the African Diaspora.

Created in the late 1980s, the committee "seeks to promote the study and understanding of Africa and the African diaspora" through its course guide, research and travel grants and other events. Williams says he strives to be faithful to the original idea of an "affiliated community." Some of its major partners are the history, English and Spanish/Portuguese departments; the Art Gallery, the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities and Nyumburu Cultural Center. People can be interested in Africa and the diaspora on several levels, he says, and they'll be able to participate in committee activities. This year's activity calendar is an example of its programming diversity. CAA co-sponsored Hughes@100, a poetry slam celebrating Langston Hughes' centennial and a major international symposium, "Africas of the Americas," that examined the complicated issue of identity from a historical perspective and what constitutes African-ness.

"It went really well. Next year we'll focus on the body politic," says Williams, whose research area is Latin America with a particular interest in



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

Daryle Williams, director of the Committee on Africa and the Americas, looks forward to his group's coming partnership with the new Driskell Center.

Brazil and national cultural identity.

It is this programmatic role that the committee will take on when it becomes part of the Driskell Center next fall. It is named after campus professor and internationally known artist and collector David C. Driskell, who is also the curator of Bill Cosby's private collection. The center focuses on research, with an emphasis on viewing the diaspora through the arts, literature and culture.

"The distinction of the Driskell Center is its focus on Africanist humanities and on the expressive traditions — the visual and other arts and popular culture — of Africa and the African Diaspora as dynamic trans-national phenomena and its promotion of ongoing creativity and cross-fertilization within these traditions," writes Eileen Julien, director, on the center's Web site.

It is this kind of exploration that Williams gets excited about and he feels the committee will be able to do even more with such a strong foundation. Though it is jointly and evenly supported by the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, the committee enjoys

quite a bit of autonomy. The freedom allows CAA to move forward without too many restraints on what programs and initiatives it can support.

"It has been really exciting," says Williams. "We don't encounter resistance because often when we work with someone, we're coming with resources. The interdisciplinary, multilevel nature of what we do is a really important part of what this university does."

Along these lines, Williams envisions a rich Web site environment that will not only build the campus community, but create more off-campus connections as well. He would like to see the committee support student outreach projects, since CAA cannot directly provide resources to off-campus efforts. For example, summer 2002 research and travel grant winner Kelly Quinn will look at architecture and community redevelopment in two predominantly black housing projects in Washington, D.C. Hopefully, there will be opportunities to host discussions in those areas and learn from the residents. It's all about connecting people.

"What we're trying to do is be faithful to the original idea," says Williams.



Notable

The Department of Resident Life held a dinner and awards ceremony honoring several staff members for providing extraordinary service throughout the 2001-2002 year.

Awards went to: **Michelle Humanick, Wil Forrest, Michelle McCubbin, Deborah Grandner and Pat Mielke** for five to 25 years of service. **Wanda Merchant, Patricia Calloway, Dana Cooper and Scott Young** received awards for Outstanding Service. **Rhondie Vorhees, Brenda Christensen and Katie Cherubin** received Employee of the Year awards. The Superlative Customer Service award went to **Wil Forrest**; awards for Outstanding Resident Assistants went to North Hill's **Tom Miller, Jennifer Coarts, Makeba Smith-Cook and Channele Cohen**, and to **Christopher Perich and Kara Pitt-D'Andrea** of South Hill.

Tom Flynn, associate director of Conferences and Visitor Services, received the Mentor of the Year Award from the Association of Collegiate Conference and Event Directors-International (ACCED-I) in March. The ACCED-I is the only independent educational association dedicated to professional growth and development in the collegiate conference and events profession.

The **Department of Environmental Safety** received a certificate of appreciation from the Maryland Fire Prevention Commission. The department received the award for its "outstanding commitment to providing quality fire protection and fire safety education within their community."

Faculty and staff members from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR) received national awards from the American Distance Education Consortium (ADEC) last month. **Valorie McAlpin**, associate dean of Communications & Information Technology (CIT) received the Exemplary Service Award. McAlpin also received an Infrastructure Award with CIT distance education coordinator **Brad Paleg**.

Ellen Varley, CIT distance education co-coordinator, received the Education Program Award, along with AGNR faculty **John Lea-Cox, David Ross and K. Marc Tefteau**. As developers of the first online credit course approved through the university's curriculum, Varley and her colleagues have also received a WebCT Exemplary Course Award, the Agricultural Communicators in Education (ACE) Out-

standing Professional Skill Award, and the University of Maryland Innovative Teaching with Technology Award.

Micheal O. Ball has been appointed the Orkand Corporation Professor of Management Science in the Robert H. Smith School of Business. The professorship was endowed by a gift from the Orkand Corporation, whose main offices are located in Falls Church, Va. Ball also holds a joint appointment with the Institute for Systems Research, part of the A. James Clark School of Engineering.

The **Alfred Gessow Rotorcraft Center** will receive the American Helicopter Society's Grover E. Bell Award this year. The award is given "to foster and encourage research and experimentation in helicopter development to the person or persons making an outstanding contribution to the field." The center was given this prestigious award for its pioneering fundamental contributions in smart structures technologies that had a successful transition into helicopter systems.

The **School of Architecture** will play a significant role in a notable archaeological/architectural project underway in Castellammare, Italy.

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. buried most of the cities that stretched along the bay of Naples. Though the most renowned, Ancient Pompeii, continues to be studied, several more have been proposed for preservation and exploration — in particular the ancient city of Stabiae. A plan to turn the site into an archaeological park that will also address the ancient city's connection to modern-day Castellammare has been in the works. It has been in conjunction with a former thesis project that efforts were made to establish an organization to oversee restoration of the ancient city.

Dean **Eric Hurtt**, Associate Dean **Stephen Sachs**, professors **Matthew Bell, Sidney Brower and Roger Lewis**, and students **Jeff Evans and Keif Samulski** will represent Maryland.

The Department of Linguistics in the College of Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the appointment of **Howard Lasnik** as professor of linguistics, beginning Fall 2002. He is known as much for his teaching and advising as for his research, having supervised 40 doctoral dissertations, including those of two current faculty in the Department of Linguistics at Maryland, Rosalind Thornton and Juan Uriagereka.

Stewart: Brings Experience to Position

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takes office."

As vice president, she will be responsible for Facilities Management and planning, business services, the comptroller's office, personnel services, public safety, environmental safety, procurement and supply and travel services — all functions currently under the vice president for administrative affairs.

Stewart has served the University of Maryland for more than 25 years in Academic and

Student Affairs, as well as Administrative Affairs. She has previously served at two other public research land-grant institutions, Colorado State University and Ohio University.

While continuing the nationwide search for a permanent vice president for administrative affairs, Wylie says she is extremely pleased that the university can rely on the wisdom and experience of Stewart in this most important campus position.

Decades of Service, Years of Memories

Many of the employees honored at last month's Service Awards Reception began their careers at the university as students, or fresh from high school. Just as many have seen their kids earn degrees from a Maryland institution. What is also clear about the 180 people who can claim more than 20 years of service to the university is that they've found it a good place to put down some roots.

"The university has been good to

me," says Jean Bennett, assistant director of Dining Services. "I like the students, they make me feel young. You meet so many different people and you learn from them."

Bennett, who came to the university as a food service worker in 1961, makes it a point to speak to students every time she sees them. For some, it may be the only friendly face they see on such a large campus. "All they want you to do is say hi," she says.

Some of the dining service innova-

tions Bennett shares credit for include creating light menu choices and the vegetarian diner, Sprouts.

Patricia Higgins, director of Dining Services, also claims a service record spanning four decades. She has grown right along with the department, she says, and is happy with some of the changes in which she's been instrumental. "I can say I brought Starbucks coffee to campus, and Seattle's Best. We have definitely upgraded the coffee."

For Higgins, part of the campus' allure is the abundant opportunity for collaboration. The first year Dining Services prepared food for Maryland Day, for example, required a tremendous amount of work and cooperation. "But you feel rewarded when the day is done."

Her next greatest challenge? "In the fall, moving out of Cole with its very limited facilities into the Comcast Center, a larger and modern facility. I'm looking forward to it."



Pat Moreland, Counseling Center, remembers dean of women, men



Annette Sardelli, Facilities Management: co-workers are family



Jean Bennett, Dining Services, knows what students like to eat



Pat Higgins, Dining Services, enjoys the challenges



Paul Lipson, Facilities Management, takes care of the traffic circle "M"

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More than 90 employees from the list below attended the 33rd Annual Service Awards Reception last month. In all, 180 employees can claim more than 20 years of service to the university.

45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Francis W. Ransom, Procurement & Supply

40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jean D. Bennett, Dining Services

Patricia S. Higgins, Dining Services

Patricia Moreland, Counseling Center

Annette J. Sardelli, Facilities Management

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Richard E. Berg, Physics

Lillie M. Hooks, Facilities Management

Louis G. Kavakos, Office of Information Technology

Morris E. Landes, Facilities Management

Rose M. Madison, Office of Information Technology

Norma P. McGowan, Office of Information Technology

Michael O'Keefe, University Golf Course

Frederick E. Pinkney, Facilities Management

Roy W. Vickery, Cell Biology

Arnelia C. Ward, Dining Services

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mary O. Addae, Residential Facilities

Robert E. Anders, Mechanical Engineering

Parviz Aryan-Nejad, Library

Irene T. Barbe, Engineering Research Center

Robert L. Bard, Physics

Donnarae M. Beatley, Library

Ralph W. Bell, Department of Public Safety

William S. Carter, Intercollegiate Athletics

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G.E. Connors, Facilities Management

Regina C. Crawmer, Union & Campus Programs

Herminia Day, Residential Facilities

Daniel L. Detrick, IPST

Gaye P. Downs, Maryland Cooperative Extension — Anne Arundel

Audrey S. Duncan, Maryland Cooperative Extension — Talbot

Charles D. Elmer, Facilities Management

Robert Forney, Facilities Management

Mary D. Gibson, Resident Life

Terry W. Hawkins, Facilities Management

Elizabeth Hutchings, Maryland Cooperative Extension — Anne Arundel

Barbara G. Jacoby, Commuter Affairs & Community Service

Annie L. Jones, Maryland Cooperative Extension — Anne Arundel

Eloise E. Jones, Intercollegiate Athletics

Gladys L. Lewis, Residential Facilities

Timothy K. Mangel, College of Life Sciences

Michael D. McNair, Department of Public Safety

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Gail C. Mickie, College of Education

James A. Mosley, Facilities Management

Jacqueline M. O'Keefe, Library

Gabriella Orban, Facilities Management

Carol D. Proctor, IPST

Barbara B. Riggs, Office of the Registrar

June L. Ryschka, Classics

Gregg J. Savard, Department of Public Safety

Donna A. Scarbrough, Union & Campus Programs

Joel B. Smith, OMSE

Geraldine T. Spriggs, Laboratory Experiences

Laura L. Sterling, Maryland Cooperative Extension — UMES

Daniel G. Thompson, Facilities Management

John E. Tucker, Central Maryland Research and Education Ctr.

Franklin D. Westbrook, Counseling

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mindy D. Abrams-Payne, Family & Consumer Science

Amel Anderson, College of Life Sciences

Eileen M. Banner, Curriculum & Instruction

Rosa E. Barnett, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Hypathia D. Bernales, Sociology

Curtis L. Brewer, Facilities Management

Kevin P. Brown, Facilities Management

Management

Joyce B. Brown, Residential Facilities

Diane F. Canter, Chemistry & Biochemistry

Marjorie A. Carr, Health Services

Brenda M. Christensen, Resident Life

Joseph Cook, Facilities Management

Ninh Q. Dao, Health Services

Timothy B. Durham, Facilities Management

Debra B. Dvorak, Maryland Cooperative Extension — Cecil County

Jeanne M. Fineran, Robert H. Smith School of Business

William D. Forney, Facilities Management

Susan L. Frazier, Institute System Research

Diane W. Gaboury, Dean for Undergraduate Studies

Susan B. Hall, Facilities Management

Jessie A. Hinkle, Library

Gayla A. Jenkins, Maryland Cooperative Extension — Charles County

Carol A. Jones, Bursar's Office

David R. Jones, Facilities Management

Margaret L. Kempf, Animal and Avian Sciences

Dean W. Kitchen, Physics

Caren L. Klarman, HIDTA

Lawrence E. Kulp, Library

Gary M. Lapanne, Animal and Avian Sciences

Paul I. Lipson, Facilities Management

Patricia L. Mielke, Resident

Life

Gregory L. Monn, Facilities Management

JoJo E. Montgomery, Art

Thomas H. Nugent, Facilities Management

Harriet K. Oliver, Curriculum & Instruction

William C. Perna, Facilities Management

Robert C. Peterson, Union & Campus Programs

Terry L. Piper, Procurement & Supply

Lunetta A. Porter, Library

Juanita Powell, Residential Facilities

George E. Ramsey, Library

Charles H. Rice, Residential Facilities

Lillie P. Roberts, Women's Studies

Alan L. Rudan, Office of Information Technology

Fay Sharman, Union & Campus Programs

Don E. Smith, Department of Public Safety

Sylvia S. Stewart, Vice President for Administrative Affairs

James E. Street, Facilities Management

Daniel E. Thomas, Office of Institute and Research Planning

Gwendolyn J. Thomas, Residential Facilities

John W. Thompson, Facilities Management

Anna M. Waller, Art History & Archaeology

Howard D. White, Facilities Management

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Zeigler: Continuing Service in the Same Vein

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phy, with an emphasis on education policy, planning and administration, Zeigler continues to serve the campus as a friend, an advisor and a resource. Though the role is not new, he is still flattered to be appointed.

"It is an honor that Dr. [Cordell] Black and Provost [Bill] Destler have enough confidence in me to appoint me to this position," he says. "And it means a lot that the staff and the students were a part of this, too. I want to continue the strong legacy and heritage of Nyumburu that was established by those who came before me, in particular, Dr. James Otis Williams."

Williams served as Nyumburu's director for 25 years until his death in April 1997. Many credit him for creating the home-away-from-home atmosphere that pervades the center, even before it moved into its current spacious building in 1996. Created in 1971 by Julia Davidson, a counselor with the Counseling Center, the center was led by Swahili Professor Henry Jackson. He gave the center its name, which means "freedom house." It comes from the Swahili words "nyumba" (house) and "uhuru" (freedom). Jackson served

for one year, and Davidson then appointed Williams to the position.

Zeigler sees Nyumburu's mission as a holistic approach to enhancing student life by providing academic, cultural and social services, as well as leadership training. Though the center's primary constituency is black students, Zeigler stresses that activities are open to the campus. He is also making concerted efforts to expand Nyumburu's partnerships with academic departments.

"I want to create citation programs with several departments," says Zeigler, who teaches AASP 298U Jazz as a Cultural Art Form. The center also offers AASP 298V Blues as a Cultural Art Form, MUSC 329E Gospel Choir and ENGL 294N Creative Writing.

Already, the center co-sponsors numerous events with other campus units such as the Hillel Center for Jewish Life, Undergraduate Admissions and Resident Life. Zeigler credits Nyumburu's staff for creating myriad opportunities for internal and external collaborations. Associate Director Anne Carwell, Coordinator of Student Involvement and Leadership Clayton Walton, and Coordinator of

Campus/Community Outreach & Public Relations Toby Jenkins have helped make Nyumburu a locus for cultural and educational activities year-round. Often, this means long days.

"When you have students, you can't just kick them out sometimes. This is not a 9 to 5 place," says Zeigler, who adds that his wife, Valerie, often calls to remind him that it's time to come home. He is father to two sons in their 20s, Jamaal and Adrian. "We have worked on normalizing things, though." He has also hired a part-time building supervisor, Larry Harrison, to keep the facility open later on weekdays and on occasional weekends.

Though Zeigler and his staff seem to be busy with current endeavors, he is excited about potential opportunities. He would like to see research projects undertaken and programmatic evaluation of Nyumburu events done. He would like to find ways to further utilize the center's computer lab. Zeigler also is planning a lecture series and wants to secure more grants to fund these ideas.

"We want to provide a whole range of services," he says.

Bushrui: Toward Peace

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conversation with Bushrui, the holder of the chair. He so firmly believes in the unity of humanity and its eventual realization that it is hard not to see the world as he does.

"If we must create peace, it is necessary for all of us to come together," he says. "What the world needs more than anything else today is a solid foundation of justice. Then it's easy to create unity.

Only when unity is established can we have peace. You cannot reverse that process.

"That is why most peace processes fail after a time, and that is why the role of the United States becomes so important. This country has a spiritual destiny; it is the one country that really represents the whole world. The great challenge is how will it develop its role in order to lead the rest of the world towards a global society based on justice and universal peace."

For his part, Bushrui uses his academic position on campus to do what he does best — teach. The Bahá'í Chair, an academic unit of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences' Center for International Development and Conflict Management, hosts events that bring speakers to campus and people together, such as next week's environmental lecture by Lord Bletso. It is this level of international affiliation and respect that helps Bushrui in his mission. Two years ago, the House of Lords honored him for his work on intercultural understanding and global peace. He is a fellow of the Temenos Academy in London, which is affiliated with Prince Charles' Foundation. Over the last few years, Bushrui has regularly corresponded with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The prince is very familiar with his work with the Temenos Academy and has expressed appreciation for Bushrui's writings on Kahlil Gibran and East-West reconciliation. Bushrui has been granted an audience with Prince Charles that is scheduled to take place in July.

Bushrui approaches his work, and life, holistically. It is the key, he says, to whatever is done through the chair's office. "The chair's work assumes that all legitimate forms of human expression, including literature, poetry, music and art have a role to play in producing understandings that lead to peace," as the mission states. When Bushrui speaks of efforts at diversity, for example, he says, "The most successful are those in which the whole person is involved. Educate not only the mind, but also the heart. Diversity should not become political; it cannot work that way.... We're working toward a global ethic, an acceptance of cultural differences, acceptance and respect and not mere tolerance. Gandhi disapproved of the word 'tolerance,' because he thought that it was too limiting."

Bushrui takes great pride in being above all a teacher. His greatest satisfaction, he says, comes from his students. "Especially those who come back after years and say, 'Thank you for what you have taught me; it has served me well.'"

Bushrui is also grateful for the university's support and believes the institution has a great deal to offer. "There is something very special about Maryland. Our community is very diversified and the credit goes to the officers who see to this," he says. "What is remarkable is that this great university has not forgotten the moral, spiritual and ethical aspects of the life of the mind."

He pays great tribute to Irv Goldstein, dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, for his vision and commitment to create a civil society. "His holistic approach is remarkable. I have been a university teacher for the last 50 years and I have never come across a dean who is more open minded and humanistic in his approach. He firmly believes in diversity and has a global vision...."

"There is unity in diversity and we can live in peace with each other," says Bushrui, who through his position will continue to work to make this global vision a reality.

The Bahá'í Chair for World Peace Eighth Annual Lecture presents Lord St. John of Bletso, a member of the House of Lords and the European Union Sub-Committee on Trade and External Relations. The free lecture, titled "Environmental Ethics and Public Policy," will take place at 8 p.m. on May 31 at the Inn and Conference Center. For more information, call (301) 314-7714 or send an e-mail to bushrui@cicdm.umd.edu.

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The Thomas O. Enders endowment is accepting applications from U.S. faculty to do research at the University of Calgary during academic year 2003-2004, on some aspect of Canadian studies or Canadian-U.S. relations. The Enders Fellow will receive up to \$30,000 and be obligated to teach one course per term. Applications are due by Sept. 30, 2002 and should be submitted to ACUS, 1317 F St. NW, Suite 920, Washington, D.C. 20004-1151. Call (202) 393-2582 or visit www.acus.org for details.

For more information, contact Ellin K. Scholnick at (301) 405-4252 or es8@umail.umd.edu.

Pictures Worth Thousands of Words

On the south wall of the Visitor Center Auditorium in the Turner Building, a collage of photos and captions titled "Maryland Moments" was recently installed. It is an extraordinary "snapshot" of the university's history. Several people were involved in the idea, research, design and production, most notably university photographer and alumnus John Consoli and Anne Turkos, university archivist.

Human Computer Interaction Lab/Computer Science

The 19th Annual Symposium and Open House will be held May 30-31. There will be sessions on user-centered design, information seeking and information understanding, and workshops on the classroom of the future, bio-informatics visualization and designing the digital book.

For more information or to register, visit www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/soh/.

Time for a Health Check

The University Health Center invites all faculty and staff to participate in the 2002 Faculty/Staff Health Fair on Thursday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Health Center. The fair will offer blood pressure screening, seated massage, vision screening, hearing screening, nutritious snacks, educational lectures on exciting health topics, health risk assessment, HIV testing, oral cancer screening, body composition, smoking cessation counseling and other health information.

Osteoporosis screening will be offered through the Mobile Screening Authority using a PIXI bone density X-ray that scans the heel. There is a \$35 fee for this service and you must register in advance by calling (301) 931-8060. Results will be available immediately

Marching to an Excellent Beat



PHOTO BY MONETTE AUSTIN BAILEY

Five members of the campus community were honored for their commitment to excellence during the Black Ministries Program's ninth annual Drum Majors of Excellence luncheon last week. The ceremony recognized (l-r) senior accounting, government and politics major Christopher Griffin; Linda Plummer, president of the Montgomery County NAACP, which is one of the top five chapters in the nation; Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean for Undergraduate Studies Robert L. Hampton; Presbyterian minister Holly Ulmer; and Facilities Management, Housekeeping Services employee Eugene Henderson. Each honoree demonstrates leadership on several fronts. The ceremony, introduced in 1993, derives its name from a quote by Martin Luther King Jr., "Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say I was a drum major for justice; say I was a drum major for peace; say that I was a drum major for righteousness and say that I was a drum major for excellence."

after the test.

Cholesterol screening also will be offered. To participate, you must have your blood drawn during the week of May 20 between 8 and 10 a.m. Test results include HDL and LDL levels. To schedule an appointment, call (301) 314-8128. Results will be returned at the Health Fair. After June 6, results will be mailed. Do not eat or drink in the morning prior to having blood drawn.

New this year is Dermascan, a scan of the face that provides an image of the skin highlighting oily, dry or sun damaged areas. The process takes three to four minutes. It is free to MAMSI health insurance members; for others, the cost is \$5, which can be paid by check or cash on the day of the event.

Yu-Dee Chang to Address Investors Group

Yu-Dee Chang, a Washington, D.C. area entrepreneur who is head of Chesapeake Investment Services, Inc. and host of an award-winning business radio program, will be the guest speaker at the monthly Investors Group meeting, Tuesday, May 21 at noon in room 7121 McKeldin Library. Faculty, staff, students and the general public are invited. The program will be the final gathering of the season for the group; meetings will resume in the fall.

Chang began his career in the financial industry as a hedging strategy consultant for a Taiwanese import/export firm in 1985. Starting in 1992, he worked as a broker for several

Washington, D.C. area firms, leading up to his current position as president of his own firm in McLean, Va.

Chang, who also provides investment workshops and classes, is editor of the "Stocktrac" investment newsletter that is dedicated to short-term swing trading on the stock market. He also is the host of the radio program "Money Talk," an award-winning weekly financial call-in show broadcast live every Friday in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area on AM 570. Chang has a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's degree, also in civil engineering, from Chung Yuan University in Taiwan. His financial credo is, "one should first invest one's time before investing one's money."

Dressing the Federal City

An observer of social life in the new federal city of Washington noted that people "dress much more gay and splendid than they do in N'York." An exhibit at the Riversdale House Museum will feature these fashions that "kept the carriages flying" in Washington in the early 19th century. Costumes to be exhibited throughout the federal period mansion include interpretations created as contest entries, other reproductions and actual period garments.

On Sundays, an attentive saleswoman will be on hand in a re-created Washington milliner's shop, circa 1816. Children can try on fashionable garments in a special hands-on

area. Costumes will be exhibited May 19 to June 16. In conjunction with the exhibit, there will be a costume study symposium June 13 featuring costume historians from Riversdale, the DAR museum and the Smithsonian.

Hours are Fridays and Sundays, 12 to 4 p.m. Admission, which includes a guided tour of the house, is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for students and free for children 4 and under. Special tours for groups of eight or more may be arranged at other times by appointment.

The Riversdale House Museum is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, Md. For further information, call (301) 864-0420, TTY (301) 699-2544. Web site: www.pgpc.com.

Riversdale, a National Historic Landmark, is a site of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Natural and Historical Resources Division, Prince George's County.

A Time for Celebration

All faculty and staff donors are invited to join their colleagues in celebrating the successful completion of Bold Vision • Bright Future: The Campaign for the University of Maryland. Mark your calendar for May 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom, Stamp Student Union. Food, fun and entertainment.

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